

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Mark F. Werner  
Group Art Unit: 3612  
Examiner: Melissa A. Black  
Title: LIFTGATE FRAME  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 10, 2008, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.